

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. The broadcast spectrum is publicly owned and only licensed to corporations for their use and for the public benefit. Sinclair Broadcastings' abuse of the public airwaves for their own political ends does not support the public good and is in violation of their contractual obligations. This is a blatant abuse of the power granted to them by the government of the people! This aggression will not stand!

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.